

Suction Dredge Permit Program

Subsequent Environmental Impact Report

Scoping Meetings



November 16-18, 2009

Purpose of Meeting, Agenda Review, and Meeting Ground Rules

Meeting Agenda

1. Purpose of Meeting, Agenda Review, and Meeting Ground Rules
2. Welcome and Opening Remarks
3. Highlights of the Suction Dredge Initial Study & How to Comment during Scoping Period
4. Presentation of Public Comments and Questions for Clarification
5. Open House Workshop

Meeting Ground Rules

- Please make sure that all cell phones and pagers are on silent.
- Focus your attention on the presentation or response to questions – having side conversations distracts others in the group.
- Do not interrupt the presenter; there will be plenty of time for discussion.
- Try to focus your index card questions on those for which the response will be beneficial to the whole group. Try to make your questions clear and succinct. For site specific questions that are of personal interest to you, please talk to Department staff during the workshop time.
- Be respectful of each other and of differing points of view, especially during workshop conversations.

Meeting Ground Rules - continued

- Take personal responsibility for observing these ground rules, and honor our time together by keeping the meeting moving forward positively.
- Please understand that not all index cards may be responded to due to lack of time. However, staff are present following presentation for additional conversations.
- This is a workshop, not a formal hearing. No public testimony or oral comments are being recorded. Written comments are desired and will be included in the Scoping Report and used to structure the SEIR.
- The facilitator may ask individuals who do not abide by these rules to leave the workshop.

Welcome & Opening Remarks

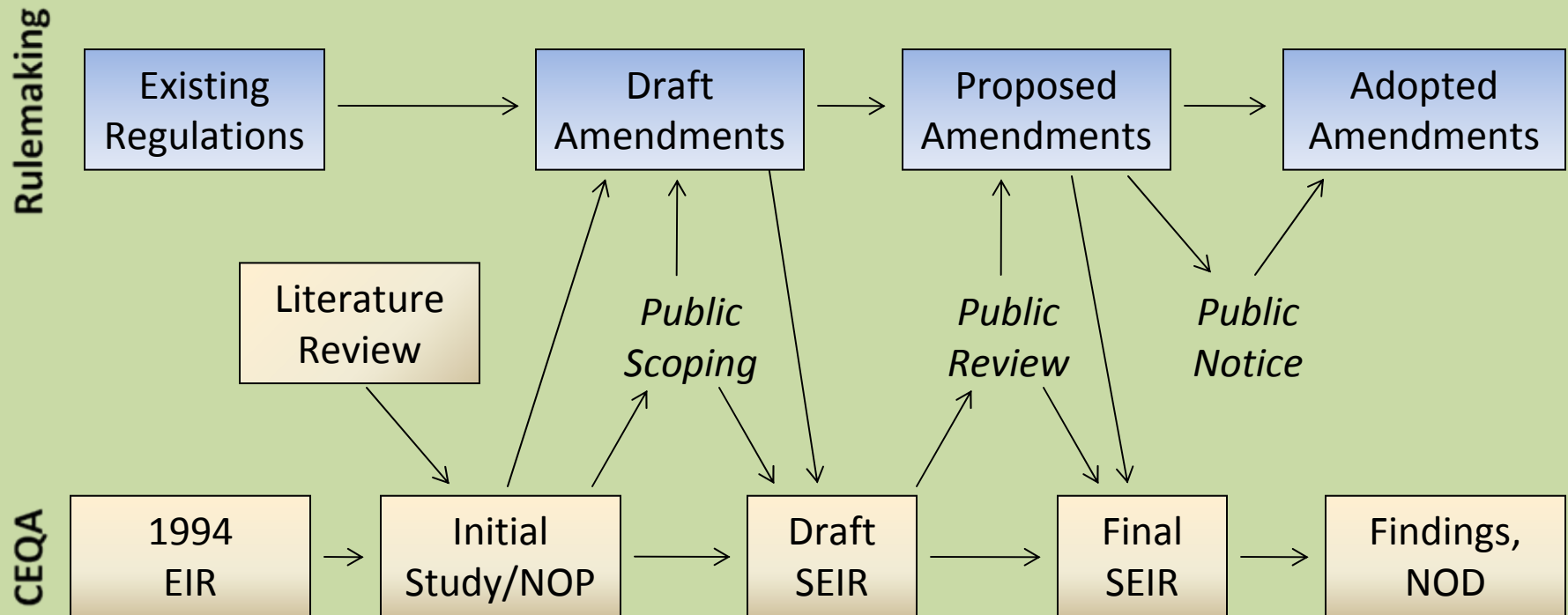
Highlights of the Suction Dredge Initial Study & How to Comment during Scoping Period

Purpose of Scoping

Provide the public and agencies an opportunity to provide input into the scope and content of the SEIR, and associated regulatory updates, including:

- ✓ Potential impacts of suction dredging
- ✓ Scope and range of alternatives
- ✓ Types or approaches to the regulatory updates
- ✓ Information regarding deleterious effects to fish, if any; and
- ✓ Types of activities to be regulated under the Department's suction dredge permit program

CEQA and Rulemaking Process



Initial Study Findings

- Looked at 17 resource categories
- Impacts to 8 resource categories are considered potentially significant as a result of the program
 - ✓ Aesthetics
 - ✓ Air Quality
 - ✓ Biological Resources
 - ✓ Cultural Resources
 - ✓ Hazardous Materials
 - ✓ Water Quality
 - ✓ Noise
 - ✓ Recreation
- Impacts to other resource categories were not considered to be potentially significant
- Socioeconomics part of regulatory process, not CEQA

How to Comment

- Provide comments no later than **December 3, 2009**
- Send comments to:
 - California Department of Fish and Game
 - Attn: Mark Stopher
 - Suction Dredge Program Comments
 - 601 Locust Street
 - Redding, CA 96001

Email: dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov

Subject Line: Suction Dredge Program Comments
- Include name, address, and contact number for future correspondence related to the Proposed Program

Effective Commenting

- Substantive and focused on the SEIR analysis, and the scope and substance of the Department's related regulations under the Fish and Game Code
- Comments or information previously submitted in 2007 do not need to be repeated
- Scoping report will be prepared which summarizes comments received
- All comments will be considered during preparation of the SEIR

Next Steps and Timeline

Scoping Period ends

December 3, 2009

Public review of Draft SEIR and regulatory updates (including public hearings)

Late summer/early fall 2010

Final Subsequent EIR and regulatory updates

Spring 2011

File Notice of Determination and CEQA Findings

Late spring 2011

New regulations take effect/
Moratorium is lifted

Summer 2011

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